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1. BRZEZINSKI SEOUL VISIT. BRZEZINSKI MEETING WITH PRES
PAK HEADLINES ALL PRESS. TOPICS REPORTEDLY "DISCUSSED"
(NOTE: PAPERS WENT TO PRESS BEFORE CONTENTS OF MEETING
COULD HAVE BEEN LEARNED); USFK WITHDRAWAL, US/NK CONTACTS,
POST-KOREAGATE US/ROK RELATIONS, SUBSTANCES OF PEKING TALKS,
MAINTENANCE OF KOREAN PEACE, AND RESUMPTION OF S/N DIALOGUE.
COVERAGE OF MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER REPORTS BRZEZINSKI
RECONFIRMED FIRM US DEFENSE COMMITMENT. ALL PRESS
EXTENSIVELY REPORTS NDP'S YI CH'OL-SUNG QUOTING BRZEZINSKI
AT 5/24 RECEPTION AS FOLLOWS: TRIPARTITE PROPOSAL IS MATTER TO
BE PERSUED BY ROK AS A CONCERNED PARTY. 6-PARTY CONFERENCE IS
"GOOD IDEA", 4-5 YEAR WITHDRAWAL PERIOD SUFFICIENT TO
COMPLETE COMPENSATORY MEASURES; ROK NEED NOT WORRY OVER
ITS NATIONAL SECURITY BECAUSE OF STRENGTHENING US AIR/
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NAVAL POWER AND ROK ECONOMIC/MANPOWER STRENGTH. BOTH
YI AND KOREAN UNIVERSITY PRES KIM JUN-YOP SAY DOS GLEYSTEEN
CONFIRMED HE WOULD RETURN MID-JULY AS US AMBASSADORM

2. GENERAL VESSEY. VESSEY'S 5/24 UPI INTERVIEW GETS
LARGE COVERAGE UNDER HEADLINES "USFK PHASEOUT JEOPARDIZES
KOREAN STABILITY". TONGA ILBO SEES VESSEY'S INTERVIEW

AS PUBLIC CRITICISM OF WITHDRAWAL AND URGES CARTER
ADMINISTRATION TO REVIEW PHASEOUT PLAN IN LIGHT OF
VESSEY'S OPINIONS. ALL PRESS EMPHASIZE VESSEY'S
STATEMENT "IN SECURITY MATTERS AND MILITARY MATTERS,
ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS" AND HIS NOTING "DRASTIC"
INCREASE IN NK OFFENSIVE WEAPONERY.

3. KOREA KOPLOMATIC CODE. WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE FRONT PAGED
UNDER HEADLINE "US EAVESDROPPED KOREA EMBASSY".
REACTION OF RULING PARTY REPORTEDLY STRONG ("PERPET-
RATING AN ATROCITY OF POWER POLITICS WHICH WILL
GREATLY DAMAGE TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY TIES -- GREATLY
DISAPPOINTED, INFURIATED" -- DRP SPOKESMAN PAK CH'OL.)
NDP SPOKESMAN HAN YONG-SU'S STATEMENT NOTABLY Milder
("REGRETTABLE"). OP WIRE SERVICE SAYS DOS RESTON
DECLINED TO COMMENT ON WASHINGTON STAR REPORT.
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